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A process of house-cleaning has been going on within the Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party (PWDP). The Central Control Committee has been reorganized and a Central Executive Bureau of 15 members has been established. This bureau has its own secretariat and departments and is probably patterned after the Chinese Communist Party organization. Three committee members have been removed; but CHANG Po-chun (章伯鈞) and P'ENG Tse-min (彭澤民) remain as chairman and vice-chairman.

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Comment During September 1951, reports originating in the anti-Communist and independent Chinese press claimed that the PWDP had been ordered to suspend activities by the Chinese Communist government. Such reports do not appear to be true. The PWDP is one of the leading elements of the China Democratic League which had independent representation in the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

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1. [] Comment. According to other information available to this office, P'ENG was chairman of the Central Control Committee in April 1949. In the Chinese Communist government, CHANG is Minister of Communications and P'ENG is Vice-Chairman of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee.

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